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HEBER—Joseph Hatch, 79, prominent business man of Heber, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding overturned near Keetley, ten miles north of here, Monday at 1 p. m.

Mr. Hatch was returning from Park City with William J. Cummings Jr., who was driving the car. It was reported by Walter O. Toole, George McMillan and Ebenezer Brown, who were working in a field at the side of the road, that the two right wheels of the machine went off the west side of the road for about 100 feet. The car then turned suddenly to the east side of the road and back to the west side, going off the highway and turning completely over.

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Both men were thrown clear of the machine. Mr. Hatch was still breathing when the witnesses arrived at the scene, but he died of a facial skull fracture before his son-in-law, Dr. W. B. Wherritt, arrived. Mr. Cummings escaped with minor injuries.

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Sheriff Virgil Gaughton, who investigated the accident, stated the car was reported traveling at a moderate rate of speed, although it was descending a slight grade.

Mr. Hatch was born in Lehi, July 26, 1854, the oldest son of Abram Hatch, former president of the Wasatch D. S. stake, and Mrs. Jane Lott Hatch. He moved to Heber with his parents in 1871. Later he founded the L. D. Hatch business in Salt Lake, after which he assisted his mother in operating the A. Hatch & Co. store here. He was later made manager of the store.

Bank Director

Mr. Hatch was a director of the Bank of Heber City and president of the Timpanogos irrigation project during its construction. During his early life he herded large herds of cattle and horses in the White river and Green river country with his brothers. He was the first to ship a carload of cattle of this valley to the Omaha stock yards.

He married Jane Clyde on August 16, 1873. To her eight sons and daughters were born, seven of whom are living. After her death, he married Mable Spears, May 24, 1909.

Surviving sons and daughters are Joseph C. Hatch, Mountainview, Wyo.; Abram and Dr. Floyd Hatch, Salt Lake; Roy Hatch, Garfield; Glen Hatch, Los Angeles; George Hatch and Mrs. Emma Wherritt, Heber; 23 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Jane Hatch, Heber, and Mrs. Lucy Thompson, Provo, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hazel Trout, Salt Lake, and Mrs. Sally Jones, Beach, Cal.

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